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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO PLANT TREES IN CARLIN CANYON

Volunteers are needed to help plant cottonwood trees along the Humboldt River on May 13th in celebration of National Public Lands Day.

BLM Elko Field Office National Public Lands Day coordinator Tom Warren said, "We plan to plant about 70 six-foot-tall cottonwood trees and install net wire protection fences around each tree planted along the Humboldt River in Carlin Canyon. Usually, National Public Lands Day is celebrated every September. We're having it early again this year because May is a better time to plant trees than September."

The National Wild Turkey Federation is assisting with the funding of the cottonwood tree purchase for Carlin Canyon. Members from the Turkey Foundation's local chapter - "Ruby Mountain Rios" will be helping with this year's planting.

"We'll also be gathering any trash in the Canyon, cutting noxious weeds, and cleaning up around the interpretive kiosks," continued Warren. "BLM will provide tools, gloves, and water for volunteers. People should wear outdoor work clothes. We'll also supply a delicious Dutch Oven lunch cooked by Bill Roach. Volunteering for National Public Lands Day is a great way to give something back to public lands."

Volunteers should meet at the BLM Elko Field Office, 3900 East Idaho Street in Elko, at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 13 so participants can carpool. People can also meet at the project site at 9:00 a.m. To get to the site, take the Carlin East Exit off I-80 and turn east on the old Highway 40 (frontage road) for about 3.5 miles to Carlin Canyon.

Volunteers are asked to sign up ahead of time in order to help plan transportation, lunch, and supplies. Please call the BLM Office at 753-0200 before May 10th to sign up. Scouts, 4-H, civic and youth groups are invited to participate.

For more information, contact Tom Warren or Mike Brown at 753-0200.